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RECOGNITION OF THE MAXIMUM POSITION OF A REVOLVING DIAL OR SLIDE ON MICROSCOPES

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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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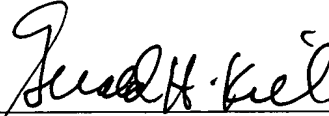
Applicant herewith submits together with the simultaneously filed National Phase application of PCT/EP01/07768, a copy of the International Search Report (PCT/ISA/210) dated December 12, 2001 and German Examination Report dated July 25, 2001 citing the following references:

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Search Report (PCT/ISA/210);  
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5 documents including 3 English Equivalents  
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